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U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

*EXAMINER INITIAL		DOCUMENT NUMBER	DATE	NAME	CLASS	SUB- CLASS	FILING DATE IF APPROPRIATE
	A01	US 6,789,637	Sep. 14, 2001	Winner et al.	180	170	
	A02	US 5,400,864	Mar. 28, 1995	Winner et al.	180	169	
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FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

		DOCUMENT NUMBER	DATE	COUNTRY	CLASS	SUB- CLASS	TRANSLATION	
							YES	NO
	A06	DE 199 43 611	Mar. 22, 2001	DE - Germany			See specification, See US 6,789,637	
	A07	DE 42 00 694	Jul. 15, 1993	DE - Germany			See US 5,400,864	
	A08	DE 42 09 047 C1	Aug. 26, 1993	DE - Germany			See GB 2 265 241	
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OTHER REFERENCES (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.)

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